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**Attachments:** [Bears Ears gathering programDOI 6-6-17.pdf](#)  
[UDB invitation to Cason Final 5-26-17.pdf](#)

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Dear Mr. Cason,

Attached below is updated information regarding the Inter-Tribal Gathering that starts on Thursday this week. Will you or anyone from DOI be attending the event? Also, please let me know ASAP if you interested in holding a public listening session to hear from local Native American residents?

We were able to upload the videos from the May 23rd event. That link is here:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwpDBprU\\_swjSEFlemcyeXV0RIU?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0BwpDBprU_swjSEFlemcyeXV0RIU?usp=sharing)

Also, during our meeting you asked about the discrimination report that is part of the voting right litigation. This report can be accessed here:

<http://utahdinebikeyah.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Discrimination-Report-McCool-8-15.pdf>

Thank you,  
Gavin Noyes  
Executive Director  
Utah Diné Bikéyah  
801-521-7398

> On May 27, 2017, at 11:07 AM, Gavin Noyes <utahdinebikeyah@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Mr. Cason,

> Thank you for taking the time on Thursday to meet with Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition. In follow-up to this meeting, please find details on the Inter-Tribal Gathering on June 8-11 attached below with an invitation to attend and hold a DOI public hearing on Bears Ears.

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> Thank you and please let us know at your earliest convenience if you can make it. Sincerely,

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> Gavin Noyes

> Utah Diné Bikéyah

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**WELCOME**  
**THIRD ANNUAL**  
**BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL GATHERING**  
**JUNE 8 - 11, 2017**

**Thursday, June 8 - Navajo Day**

**12 PM:** Inter-Tribal Gathering Begins

**1 - 6 PM:** Youth Program: teepee construction - Jonah Yellowman; rug weaving - Elouise; Navajo Language workshop

**4 - 7 PM:** Cultural Program: Navajo Stories - Sunny Dooley; Round Dance

**6 PM:** Dinner - Hopi caterers. Mutton and hominy stew

**7 PM:** NAC Ceremony - Azeé Bee Nahagha, Diné Nation

**Friday, June 9 Ute Day: Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute**

**7 AM Youth Foraging Field Trip w Ute Chef Karlos Baca**

**9 AM:** Volunteers leading hikes within Bears Ears. Some hikes may be limited to 7 or 12 participants; or tour Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding (30 minute drive).

**9 AM:** Sheep is Life - Sheep butchering by Aretta Begay

**10 AM - 12 PM:** Horseback riding - Albert Holiday

**2 PM - 8 PM:** Ute Cultural Programs:

- Bear Dance
- Flute
- Beadwork - Ronnie of Tavia
- Language - Mary Jane Yazzie

**Lunch:** on your own

**6 PM:** Dinner - Bison roast with roasted corn, blue corn mush with chilchiin & pine syrup topping over bison meat. Bison roast supplemented by wild foods as available - Karlos Baca

### **Saturday, June 10 Hopi, Zuni, Pueblo Day**

**5K fun run:** Eric Descheenie

registration starts at 6:30 AM; run starts at 8 AM

**9 AM:** On your own: hiking near Comb Wash or Cedar Mesa. Hikes limited to 7 or 12 participants; or tour Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding (30 minute drive)

**2 - 8 PM:** Cultural Program

Story teller-

Language workshop- Kevin Madalena

**1 -6 PM:** Hunting preparation - Malcolm Lehi

**6 PM:** Dinner - roast mutton, stew & fry bread - Marilyn Mustache

**8:30 PM:** Bears Ears Movie Night - Angelo Baca and Alisha Anderson

### **Sunday, June 11 Navajo 1/2 day**

Educational Workshops- to plug in above

Sovereignty & Policy Change- Moroni & James Singer

Bears Ears & Inter-Tribal Coalition- Chairman Cuthair, Davis Filfred, & James Adakai

Traditional Foods of Bears Ears- Karlos Baca & Cynthia Wilson

**No vending, no alcohol or drugs, dogs, or off-road vehicles allowed.** The Summer Gathering is by invitation only, and is not a public event. The event is on Ute Mountain Ute Reservation land in Comb Wash.



## Utah Diné Bikéyah

- a non-profit supporting Native Tribes working together to **Protect Bears Ears** -

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May 27, 2017

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*Re: Invitation to Inter-Tribal Gathering & Potential for DOI Public Hearing, June 8-11*

Dear Associate Deputy Secretary Cason,

I appreciate the time you spent listening and discussing Bears Ears National Monument with the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition tribal leaders and myself on Thursday, May 25, 2017. In follow-up to the verbal invitation by Chairman Cuthair of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe during our meeting, Utah Diné Bikéyah (UDB) now sends you the formal invitation in hopes that you, Secretary Zinke, and other key officials involved in the National Monuments review will attend our "Inter-Tribal Gathering." It will be held from Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> on Ute Mountain Ute lands located inside the Bears Ears National Monument. As stated, UDB also offers logistical support for DOI to hold a public meeting/listening session for San Juan County citizens during this event. Importantly, this meeting should happen in a location that is not hostile to Native Americans. To RSVP for the event or for additional information, please contact Nizhone Meza at (435) 659-0656 or [nizhone@utahdinebikeyah.org](mailto:nizhone@utahdinebikeyah.org).

As stated in our public comment submitted yesterday, Utah Diné Bikéyah strongly supports the Bears Ears National Monument in its entirety. We urge you to maintain Bears Ears as established on December 28, 2016, and hope that meeting the people and seeing the land will provide more information for the review process.

Respectfully,

Gavin Noyes, Executive Director  
Utah Diné Bikéyah

# **BEARS EARS INTER-TRIBAL GATHERING**

**Thurs. June 8 – Sun. June 11, 2017**

**Intersection of Comb Wash Rd. & HWY 95**

**RSVP: 385-202-4954 or**

**Email: [info@utahdinebikeyah.org](mailto:info@utahdinebikeyah.org)**



## **HONOR TRIBES, HONOR BEARS EARS**

**Native Youth Workshops, Field Trips, Campout, Tribal Leaders' Presentations, Tribal Cultural Exchange, Horseback Riding, Running Events, & Ceremonial Activities**

**Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition sponsor with Ute Mountain Ute & Utah Diné Bikéyah**